



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL DAY
DECEMBER 21, 2009

WHEREAS, the winter poses real hardship for inadequately housed, low-income men, women and children; and

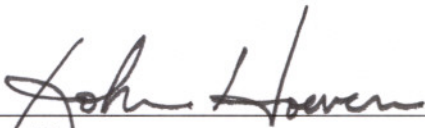
WHEREAS, the spirit of the holiday season of giving provides an opportunity for affirmation and renewal regarding the commitment to end homelessness; and

WHEREAS, December 21 – the longest night of the year – has been designated National Homeless Persons Memorial Day by the National Coalition for the Homeless and is so recognized by cities and states across the country; and

WHEREAS, in this season of generosity and sharing, North Dakota citizens are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting compassion and concern for all, especially those who are poor and homeless; and

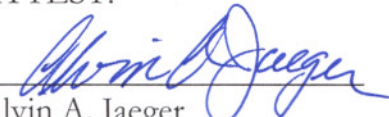
WHEREAS, it is important that we keep the cause of ending homelessness a priority and commit to doing our part to help our fellow citizens in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim December 21, 2009, **NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS MEMORIAL DAY** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State